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Counseling resources with *family* in mind

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A YEAR GONE BY

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CLINIC—Call for information about our counseling services:

Weirton Medical Center
Medical Office Building
651 Colliers Way, Suite 412
Weirton, WV 26062
Phone: (304) 723-3423
Fax: (304) 723-3426
E-mail:
admin@familyconnectionsinc.org

BROOKE PLACE—Call for a referral for residential group treatment for girls:

P.O. Box 348
Tent Church Road
Colliers, WV 26035
Phone: (304) 527-3303
Fax: (304) 527-3306
This facility is funded in part under an agreement with the Bureau of Children and Families, WV Department of Health and Human Resources

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brookeplace@familyconnectionsinc.org



The holidays are upon us! It doesn't seem possible that another year has virtually flown by, and so much has happened in the past year! Good things and concerning things. We're all trying to stretch our funds to meet our needs, to put gas in our cars, meet our financial obligations, and perhaps, have an enjoyable holiday season through gift-giving. We at Family Connections are also very thankful for the blessings we have ---a houseful of young ladies who bring us challenges and laughter each day, a strong and talented group of employees who provide excellent service in Colliers and at our clinic in Weirton, and you, our loyal supporters of all we do. We are blessed by your thoughtfulness and care you show to us throughout the year. May you all have a joyful holiday season.

Some of the individuals and organizations that have given this past year had the following to say:

From MB: It makes my heart warm to know by giving the small amount I have to give to your great organization will make someone else happy and provide them with items that are wanted or needed.

From MW: I feel blessed when I donate my time and assets to help this wonderful group of young ladies in their sometimes hectic, topsy turvey life. As I see the results of hard work both on their part and the efforts of all involved, I commend them and the folks giving them guidance and support on a daily basis. Bless you all.

Brooke Place Wish List

Gift cards for girls' birthdays	baskets	Standard Size Pillows
Pajamas—S,M,L,XL	Batteries, all sizes	Twin Blankets
Slippers	60 watt light bulbs	No show socks
Regular white towels	White twin sheet sets	Flash drives
Toilet paper, paper towels	White washcloths	Movie Passes
Underwear—all sizes	Toiletries	Questions?
Mesh bags for large laundry		Please contact Barb Jones at 304-723-3423.

WVCCA OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE

Once a year, Family Connections has the privilege of nominating an outstanding employee for a West Virginia Child Care Association service award. This year we recognized the work of Deborah Brush, one of the teacher-counselor shift leaders at Brooke Place. Debbie was nominated by her colleagues and administration for the award because of her dedicated efforts to help children and families. She is admired by her coworkers for her getting-down-to-business approach, and she is valued by the residents for her genuineness. The girls gleefully provided some of her favorite sayings for the nomination, the best one being: "You get what you get and don't throw a fit." The girls honor her and the relationships that she's built when they say, "She's grandma."

Pictured (left to right): Shift leaders: Ashley Boyce, Debbie Brush, Marisa Shreve



FAMILY CONNECTION AUXILIARY NEWS

The auxiliary was busy this fall selling raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt pictured. The quilt top was made and donated by Rita Wright, a member of the auxiliary and quilting, batting, thread and design of the dragonfly was donated by Sharon Irwin of Weirton. The auxiliary presented all proceeds of the raffle (\$500.00) to Family Connections.

Our eighth annual "There's No Place Like Home" dance is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Serbian American Cultural Center. Music will be provided by DJ Mr Moe and the Music Machine. More information will be announced at a later date.



Pictured is Rita Wright displaying the recently raffled quilt.

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

JC is the Brooke Place resident of the month for November. She was voted for this honor by her peers because they recognized how special she is to them and the important role she plays in their lives. The girls talk about her in the following ways:

JC always has a positive attitude and does what she has to do. She is polite and helps her peers through rough times. She has helped the most people and has made changes since first coming to Brooke Place. She is an important person to the group because she looks out for others, sticks up for them, and is helpful. She has shown a lot of growth, and she has almost completed her program.



Congratulations, JC!

BROOKE HIGH HOMECOMING 2014

Girls just wanna have fun, and that was on full display when eight of our girls went to the Brooke High homecoming dance. Funds raised through our annual There's No Place Like Home dance in April and the car show in July, as well as general donations contribute to all the things that go into preparation: hair styling, make up, and dresses. The girls help each other get ready and then pose for pictures before they leave. Every girl was stunning and had a stunning smile to match.



MISSION STATEMENT

Family Connections is committed to helping individuals function to the best of their abilities by engaging the resources that exist naturally within their family and community. Interventions provided by Family Connections are theory-based and are guided by the principle that the individual is best treated within the context of their family. Family Connections is dedicated to the care, welfare, and respect of families and the individuals who comprise them.

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*By giving a contribution in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend, many generous people have found a way to express their caring spirit while investing in the lives of those served by
Family Connections.*

**In Honor of Cathy Sobel
By Hancock County Savings Bank**

In Honor of Jean Bartholow by Gary and Vicki Williams

In Honor of Cathy Sobel by Joanne Dobrzanski

In Honor of Cathy Sobel by Catherine Ferrari

In Honor of Cathy Sobel by Anonymous Donor

**In Honor of The Board of Directors of Family Connections
By Elizabeth deJong**

**In Memory of Ed VanGilder and Rose Marie Bragg
by Gary and Vicki Williams**